

States Army, he attended Clark College in Atlanta and in 1954 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark College. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta in 1957. His first pastorate was at a Baptist church in Pickens, South Carolina.

Reverend Hartsfield is chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches which represents 65,000 churches and 20 million members. Reverend Hartsfield is also chairman of the Economic Development Commission of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; second vice president of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; president of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Operation PUSH; and an adjunct professor of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, KS.

Reverend Hartsfield is married to Matilda Hopkins and on August 28 of this year they will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary. Reverend and Mrs. Hartsfield are the proud parents of four wonderful children: Pamela Faith, Danise Hope, Ruby Love, and Wallace S. Hartsfield, II.

I have known Reverend Hartsfield over the years through his extensive involvement in the community. He has been a leader in many worthwhile causes and a wonderful role model for our city's young people.

His leadership was invaluable, also, in redeveloping a blighted part of Kansas City when he led the Baptist Ministers' Union of Kansas City in their efforts to demolish the old St. Joseph's Hospital and replace it with a much-needed new shopping center, the Linwood Shopping Center. Residents of the city's central core had to travel some distances to buy groceries, drop off dry cleaning, and have a prescription filled, before the new development became a reality. Reverend Hartsfield successfully led the charge to secure with sufficient investment capital for the project, when resources for new development in that area of the city were scarce. He also was instrumental in the construction of a low-income 60-unit housing development, known as Metropolitan Homes, in that same geographical area.

Reverend Hartsfield recently chaired the capital fund campaign to expand and update Kansas City's Swope Parkway Health Center, which provides invaluable assistance to many people who could not otherwise afford or have access to quality, state-of-the-art health care. Millions of dollars were raised and the new health center stands as a testament to the untiring efforts of committed and dedicated people like Reverend Hartsfield.

Reverend Hartsfield has received numerous awards including: the One Hundred Most Influential Award from the Kansas City Globe newspaper; the Greater Kansas City Image Award presented by the Urban League; the Minister of the Year Award from the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City; a Public Service Award from the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime; the Role Model for Youth Award from Penn Valley Community College, in Kansas City; and a Community Service Award from Kansas City, MO, and then-mayor Richard Berkeley, among others.

Additionally, he was named 'One of the Top 50 Ministers in America' by Upscale magazine of Atlanta, GA and he received an honorary

Doctor of Divinity degree from both Western Baptist Bible College in Kansas City and also from the Virginia Seminary and College of Lynch, VA. Further, Reverend Hartsfield is a member of the board of directors for the national organization of Operation PUSH, and the Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, GA, among others.

This weekend in Kansas City, we are celebrating Reverend Hartsfield's 34th anniversary as pastor at the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, and recognizing all of his critically important work and the leadership he has provided in the community over that span of time. He has blessed the lives of so many. Reverend Hartsfield loves people and he loves helping people. He has made a difference in the city he calls home, Kansas City, and we are proud to have him as one of its outstanding citizens.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join with me and the congregation of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, the family of Reverend Hartsfield, and the citizens of Kansas City, MO in congratulating Reverend Hartsfield on his 50th preaching anniversary and for his 34 years of service to his church and his community.

CONGRATULATING CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST (HOLINESS) OF GARY, INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. in Gary, Indiana, as it celebrates its 75th anniversary as a parish on May 3-7, 2000. This anniversary is made even more special because a charter member, Brother Oliver B. Hardy, is able to celebrate with his fellow parishioners.

Christ Temple Church was formed largely through the efforts of two dedicated people. Sister Ella Bradley attended a church service in Gary, where she met Elder William A. Nolley. Elder Nolley was singing a song that Sister Bradley recognized, a song written by Bishop Charles Prince Jones, the founder of the Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. After several discussions, Sister Bradley opened up her home on Tuesday, November 25, 1925, and Christ Temple Church was born. The initial membership consisted of Sister Bradley and her family as well as Elder Nolley and his wife, Velma.

After much hard work and dedication, land was purchased at 2472 Pierce Street in Gary. It was here that the church began to flourish. Elder Nolley was returned to the south by the presiding bishop and was replaced with Elder J.J. Peterson in 1931. Elder Peterson built a sanctuary on the lot on Pierce Street, and the congregation began to grow steadily. In June of 1962, the generous Elder Peterson was laid to rest, but his commitment to the church had made a lasting impression on the congregation and community.

After Elder Peterson's passing, the church continued to expand. By September of 1962,

the membership of the church was beginning to outgrow the limited space of the sanctuary. The church leadership took the visionary approach by forming a building fund. They predicted that once the fund had reached \$100,000 it would be time to build a new place of worship. Through the selflessness and generosity of the membership, their vision came to fruition on January 13, 1980, when they held their first service at their current location, 4201 Washington Street, in Gary.

Under the extraordinary leadership of Bishop O.W. McInnis and Elder Dale Cudjoe, the church members were able to pay off their new church's mortgage within nine months. On September 24, 1989, Elder Cudjoe was appointed pastor of Christ Temple Church of Christ, the position he holds today. Through his efforts the church has grown both spiritually and numerically.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the membership of the Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. From humble beginnings they have emerged into a thriving spiritual family. The church's positive impact on Northwest Indiana has been significant during the past 75 years. May they enjoy good fortune for many more years to come.

GIL ROBB WILSON CIVIL AIR PATROL AWARD WINNERS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I recognize two outstanding men who have recently been awarded the highest achievement a Senior Member of the Civil Air Patrol can receive: Chaplain LTC Alex Mills and LTC Earl Tillman. Both these men received the prestigious and the award is the Gil Robb Wilson Award. Recipients of the Gil Robb Wilson Award must complete all Level V training in the member's specialty tract. The award was instituted in 1964 and was named after the first member and CEO of the Civil Air Patrol, Gil Robb Wilson.

LTC Mills and LTC Tillman have a combined service record with the Civil Air Patrol of over 64 years. They are members of the Rome Composite Squadron, Group 1 Georgia Wing. LTC Mills has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for over 20 years and serves as chaplain for the Rome Composite Squadron, as well as chaplain for Group 1 Headquarters, Georgia Wing. LTC Tillman has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for 44 years, and is currently serving as the Rome Composite Check Pilot, Mission Pilot, and Cadet Orientation Pilot.

Service to their community and to the Civil Air Patrol, are but two examples of what make these two men outstanding citizens of Rome, Georgia. As a member of the Congressional Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol based in Washington, D.C. and as their United States Congressman, I want to congratulate LTC Mills and LTC Tillman for this outstanding achievement.